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Subject: min wage

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to weigh in on the minimum wage matter per below...

- 1) Minimum wage should be held at present level or at the most be increased in small "cost of living" increments
- a) a free enterprise approach naturally addresses appropriate raises (if an employee is deserving of a raise, all responsible employers will so do simply to keep a "good" employee.)
- b) an increase of minimum wage to 15.00 per hour means an automatic increase for all present 15.00/hour employees (all of a sudden none of them will be willing to work for minimum wage)
  - c) Vermont's small businesses cannot afford this!

Thank you very much

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